IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Steering column for a motor vehicle ~~having a steering~~ shaft rotatably mounted in a tubular jacket,

wherein the tubular jacket is secured in use at a vehicle bodywork end on two rails extending substantially in an axial direction of the tubular jacket, the tubular jacket being guided between the rails in the event of an axial displacement of the tubular jacket,

wherein at least one rail is provided with at least one deformation element plastically deformable and secured at least at one end on the respective at least one rail, with absorption of energy, in the event of an axial displacement of the tubular jacket in case of a crash in a manner such that the respective at least one deformation element is deformed by rolling friction via deflector structure fixedly disposed on the tubular jacket.

2. (Original)

3. (Currently Amended) Steering column according to Claim 2, wherein the plastic shearing pins are injection ~~moulded~~ molded through holes drilled in the rails and the tubular jacket.

Claims 4-24 (Original)

25. (Currently Amended) Steering column for a motor vehicle comprising:

a tubular jacket,

a steering shaft rotatably mounted in the tubular jacket,

first and second rails extending in an axial direction and secured in use to a vehicle body, said rails guidably supporting the tubular jacket for axial movement along an axis of the tubular jacket between the rails,

a plastically deformable deformation element connected to the first rail and the tubular jacket and operable to absorb collision forces resulting during relative axial movement of the tubular jacket and the first rail, and

deflection structure fixed to the tubular jacket and operable to deflect the deformation element with rolling friction during said relative axial movement of the tubular jacket and first rail in response to said collision forces.

Claims 26-35 (Original)